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Charleston, West Virginia – **Milk production** in West Virginia totaled 25 million pounds or 2.9 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2018. This was down 2 million pounds from the July - September 2018 quarter, and was 4 million pounds or 465,000 gallons less than the October - December quarter of 2017. The number of dairy cows averaged 7,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter, and unchanged from the same period in 2017.

FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

United States – Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 53.3 billion pounds, up 0.5 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.36 million head, 18,000 head less than the July - September quarter, and 41,000 head less than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

